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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Intensified Intelligence Collection in Laos

You called my attention on October 30 to the study prepared last July on "Intensified Collection Against Logistic Networks Supporting Communist Activity in South Vietnam." You noted that further steps to intensify intelligence collection cannot be taken without policy guidance.

I think that specific recommendations are needed for the President's consideration. These recommendations should be drawn up by the Central Intelligence Agency in cooperation with the Departments of State and Defense. They should take into account the importance of the intelligence gain to be anticipated from specific increments in our collection activity, the political and military implications of the proposed actions, and the desirability of diverting limited intelligence collection resources to the proposed programs. I would appreciate receiving these recommendations by January 27, 1970.


Henry A. Kissinger

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